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1. FOLLOWING ARE BLOCK QUOTES FROM INDEPENDENT ENGLISH LANG-
UAGE DAILY "SUN" EDITORIAL 21 FEB:

2. "THE TIME HAS COME WHEN WE SHALL HAVE TO CALL A SPADE A
SPADE, AND TAKE OUR STAND AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD WHO
HAVE MINCED NO WORDS IN CONDEMNING THE BREAKDOWN OF INTER-
NATIONAL LAW AND ORDER, AND THE EXPOSURE OF INNOCENT PEOPLE
AS VICTIMS OF CAUSES IN WHICH THEY HAVE NOT THE REMOTEST
INTEREST.

3. "OF COURSE, THE BEDOUIN DID NOT SPARE ASIA WHEN HE DECIDED
TO HOLD EUROPE AND AMERICAN TO RANSOM ON THE OIL HIKE. THIS
WAS THE FIRST SIGNAL THAT THE ZIONIST QUARREL WAS ACQUIRING
AN UNWARRANTED UNIVERSALITY.

4. "LIKEWISE, THE SINGAPORE EPISODE IS A REMINDER THAT THE
EPICENTRE OF PALESTINIAN TERRORISM HAS ALSO MOVED, AND THERE
IS NO ANTICIPATING WHO THE NEXT VICTIM OR TARGET WILL BE.

5. "THIS TYPE OF LAW OF THE JUNGLE, AND WANTON DESTRUCTION
AND THREAT TO OUR SECURITY HAVE COME TOO CLOSE HOME FOR US
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TO TAKE THINGS LACKADAISICALLY.

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6. "AS MUCH AS IT IS IRRATIONAL, EXTRA-SECURITY HAS TO BE IM-
POSED ON THE BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BECAUSE ARABS
AND ISRAELIS HAD IT OUT IN DISTANT WEST ASIA. BUT IT IS EQUALLY
UNREALISTIC TO REFUSE TO FACE THE FACT: PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA
TERRORISM HAS COME NEARER HOME."
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